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SUBJECT: KIEV AND NEW YORK CONGENS

1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF SOVIET NEW YORK ADVANCE PARTY KULESHOV
CALLED ON OIC BILATTEAL AFFAIRS EUR/SOV JULY 13 TO
DISCUSS CURRENT SITUATION IN KIEV AND NEW YORK. KULESHOV
SAID THAT MYSHKOV WAS CURRENTLY IN MOSCOW ON LEAVE AND
WOULD RETURN IN MID-AUGUST.

2. DEPTOFF INFORMED KULESHOV THAT WE WERE SENDING OUR
ARCHITECT TO KIEV ON JULY 18 AND THAT HE WILL BE FULLY
AUTHORIZED TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AND IRON OUT ANY
PROBLEMS WITH KIEV AUTHORITIES. DEPTOFF POINTED OUT
THAT WE HAD WANTED TO SEND ARCHITECT IN EARLY JUNE BUT
THAT KIEV AUTHORITIES WERE NOT READY TO RECEIVE HIM AT
THAT TIME. WE NOW HOPED THAT KIEV AUTHORITIES WERE FULLY
PREPARED AND THAT PLANS FOR OFFICE BUILDING CAN BE APPROVED
DURING VISIT. DEPTOFF URGED THAT NY ADVANCE PARTY WEIGH
IN WITH MFA TO ENCOURAGE MOST COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE IN
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KIEV AND THAT MYSHKOV DO ALL HE CAN TO SPEED THINGS UP.

3. KULESHOV SAID MYSHKOV PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO KIEV FOR
DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS DURING HIS LEAVE AND
PROMISED TO CABLE MFA URGING COOPERATION WITH
ARCHITECT. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED BEING INFORMED
ABOUT ARCHITECT'S VISIT BECAUSE HE SAID NY ADVANCE

PARTY WAS AS INTERESTED AS WE WERE IN PROGRESS IN KIEV
WHEREAS SOVEMBASSY TENDED TO PLACE KIEV-NEW YORK ISSUES
RATHER LOW ON LIST OF PRIORITIES.

4. KULESHOV RAISED AGAIN QUESTION OF CONSULAR DISTRICTS
FOR KIEV AND NEW YORK, SAYING THAT SOVIETS WISHED TO
RESOLVE THIS ISSUE SOON. HE REITERATED THAT THERE
WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF HAVING MOLDAVIA INCLUDED IN KIEV
CONSULAR DISTRICT AND THAT SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO
ACCEPT EXCLUSION OF MASSACHUSETTS FROM THEIR DISTRICT.
DEPTOFF REPEATED DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO HAVE MOLDAVIA
INCLUDED BUT SAID IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, WE WERE THINKING
IN A PRELIMINARY WAY OF FOLLOWING CONSULAR DISTRICT FOR
SOVIET NEW YORK CONGEN. MAINE, VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE,
CONNECTICUT, NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA AND
RHODE ISLAND. KULESHOV EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT OHIO
NOT INCLUDED BUT DEPOFF POINTED THAT, ACCORDING TO
OUR FIGURES, SOVIET CONSULAR DISTRICT WOULD INCLUDE
AREA OF 155,000 SQUARE MILES EQUAL TO 4.2 PERCENT OF
U.S. AND POPULATION OF 43.5 MILLION EQUAL TO 21 PERCENT
OF U.S.; UKRAINE'S AREA OF 232,000 SQUARE MILES EQUALS
2 PERCENT OF SOVIET UNION AND POPULATION OF 47 MILLION
EQUALS 18 PERCENT OF TOTAL SOVIET POPULATION. VANCE

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